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ern of the four Praetorian prefects. But the division,

as we have said, was not made in the interests of the Empire but in the interests of the Princes of the Blood, and it was one which could not possibly endure. As soon as Constantine died chaos and

civil war were hound to ensue, and, as a matter of fact, did ensue. Far there is no evidence that the Emperor made any arrangement as to who should succeed him on the throne. Constantinople itself lay in the territory assigned to Dalmatius; yet It was entirely unreasonable to suppose that the three sons of Constantine would acquiesce in leaving the capital to the quiet possession of their cousin. The division of the Empire, therefore, in 335 carried with it the early ripening seeds of civil war, bloodshed, and anarchy. If the system of Diocletian had proved unworkable, because it took no account of the natural desire of a son to succeed his father, the system of Constantine was even worse. It was absolutely certain that of the five heirs the three sons would combine against the two cousins, whom they would regard as interlopers, and that then the three brothers would quarrel among themselves, until only one was left.

ConsUntinc's reign was now hastening to its end. I it 336 he celebrated his Tricennalia, and his cour-would not fail to remind him that he alone, of nil the successors of the great Augustus, had borne such length of days in his left hand and such glory in his right. The principal event of the festival seems t» have been the dedication at Jerusalem of the sumptuous Church of the Anastasis on the site